

SPRINKLING COLUMBIAN, with intelligence to the 4th inst., is now about due at Boston.

Policy of the Administration—Appointments in this City.

Prodigious efforts have been made by certain portions of the democratic party, to produce a change in the custom-house and other government offices in this city, and it has been bruted about for many days, that such and such changes have taken place.

Since Mr. Polk was elected, he has discovered both by professed principles of action and by his conduct, that he meant to introduce a new era in political affairs in this country.

Another decided and significant movement of Mr. Polk has been the revolution in the newspapers at Washington.

On looking at these acts of Mr. Polk, and after investigating the causes and the principles which are thus discovered as governing his actions, we begin to doubt very much whether any number of committees or office-begging cliques from this city, who are now in Washington, will succeed in persuading the President and his Cabinet to do their bidding in relation to the Custom House and other offices here.

In several points of view the extracts which we have just given are interesting and instructive. First, it is not a little amusing to see Blair and Rives quietly confessing, in their vaudeville address, the truth of everything which has been urged against them.

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THE ORGAN THAT WAS, AND THE ORGAN THAT IS TO BE.—It has been our fortune to have seen many newspapers sickened and die, presenting in their late moments or less material for sympathy, ridicule or instruction, but the death and second birth of the Washington Globe are in an eminent degree, amusing and instructive.

From the Globe of April 14.—The Globe office, on Saturday last, into the hands of Messrs. Ritchie & Heiss. The Globe had its origin in the will of Gen. Jackson, and owes to him and Mr. Van Buren, and their political friends, the success which has attended it through fifteen years of conflict, closed by the late triumph of the democracy, which effected the disaster of 1840.

Articles of agreement entered into at Washington, this 13th day of April, 1840, between Francis B. Blair and John C. Rives, of the firm of Blair, Rives, & Co., of the one part, and Thomas Ritchie and John P. Heiss, of the firm of Ritchie & Heiss, of the second part.

That is to say, said Blair & Rives are to select one appraiser or valuer, and Ritchie & Heiss another, who shall proceed to value the property at its cash value. In case the appraisers so selected should differ in their estimate of the value of the property, they shall select a third, and the opinion of any two shall fix the price.

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THE NEW NATIONAL NAME FOR THE REPUBLIC.—We have tried for several weeks the new name coined for the Republic by the members of the Historical Society, and the result of the experiment is decidedly unfavorable.

There is no one in the course of construction at East Boston, the hull of a large vessel, which is doubtless intended for an ocean steamer.

THE SWALLOW.—The report of the legislative committee, who visited the Swallow, and the testimony of her officers, including Pilot Burnett, and the testimony of the Coroner, seem to be like all other reports relative to accidents.

NATIONAL INSTITUTE AT WASHINGTON.—We observe that another letter from the industrious and energetic pen of Mr. Pickett, on the project of a ship canal across the Isthmus of Panama, has been received by the National Institute.

THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE.—WHAT IS DONE WITH THE MONEY.—The Superintendent of the American Institute has published the following statement of the receipts and expenditures of that learned body for the last six years:—

Table with columns: Receipts, State of New York, Annual Figures, Total. Rows for 1850, 1851, 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855, 1856.

ACADEMY OF DESIGN.—The annual exhibition of the National Academy of Design opened yesterday. In some respects the exhibition presents evidence of an advance in this department of the Fine Arts, but, on the whole, we do not think, on a cursory inspection of the rooms, that it is equal to that of last year.

THEATICAL.—THE PARK.—There was a very excellent house at the Park last night. The effect of the inclemency of the weather was seen in a slight degree in the boxes, which were not so full as on the previous night, but all the other parts of the theatre were crowded to excess.

PALMO'S OPERA HOUSE.—LAST NIGHT OF ANTI-GONE.—DINNEROFFER.—This evening is devoted to the benefit of the indefatigable Dinneroff, to whose enterprise is owing the production of the classical and beautiful tragedy of "Antigone," before a New York audience; and it is to be hoped that his energies on this occasion, as well as on others of a like nature, will be appreciated by the public in a proper manner.

CAPTAIN DANIEL BACON.—This gentleman, we learn, has been appointed Captain of the steamboat Worcester, Capt. Vanderbilt having resigned. This is an excellent arrangement, and is entrusted to a gentleman in every way deserving. Mr. Bacon has been for many years clerk of some of the finest steamers on the Sound, and will, from his experience, make himself popular.

CRUEL LAW CASE.—In our law reports will be found rather curious sort of action for assault and battery, tried before Judge Willard, in the Circuit Court, growing out of a blunder made by a gentleman in dancing at a ball.

SICKNESS ON BOARD THE VANDALIA.—We regret to learn that the yellow fever was raging on board this ship at the last accounts. John Overman, her carpenter, died on the 9th ult. at Port au Prince. On the 22d there were between thirty and forty cases on board. All her lieutenants were sick at one time. On the 28th she was on her way to Pensacola.

LOSS OF THE SWALLOW.—It is said that the Grand Jury, at present sitting in the U. S. Circuit Court, will take some action on the subject of the loss of the Swallow. Their jurisdiction in the premises is beyond question.

MILITARY MOVEMENTS.—The New York and Brooklyn Light Guards, two fine corps, intend to visit Boston the ensuing summer, and the Hancock Light Infantry and Phalanx, of Boston, contemplate visiting New York and Albany.

AMERICAN MAIL STEAM SHIPS.—Several days ago we mentioned that a steam ship, intended as a pioneer to a line of mail steamers, would shortly be launched in Boston.

TROTTER MATCHES OVER THE CENTREVILLE COURSE, L. I. ON WEDNESDAY.—There was goodly muster on the Centreville track, L. I., on Wednesday, and some very capital sport took place.

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BOOK-KEEPING MADE EASY.—Isaac R. Goward, long known in this city as a teacher of book-keeping, by his new treatise on that subject, has attracted much attention.

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THE HOTEL LAST YEAR.—The hotel last year was not near so prolific as for the last few days. The southern emigrants, chiefly Canadian merchants, lost no time in leaving their inventories at Quebec and Montreal. Nevertheless, amongst other "choice spirits" we found at the...

AMERICAN.—Dr. Hays, W. Parsons, N. J. C. Jones, Geo. John, King, Zanolis, Jesse F. Randall, Texas; L. M. Lowry, Maine, and others.

ASTOR.—Messrs. Randall, Orme, L. Lee, Philo McFar, Madrid; C. Gordon, Cambridge; George Bond, Boston; Captain Waterman, ship painter; Blas Pedro, Havana; O. L. Lumbard, Boston; Charles W. Williams, C. M.; John M. Gunter, Cherokee Nation; S. H. Blake, Bangor; H. Flaudis, Baltimore, and 20 others.

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